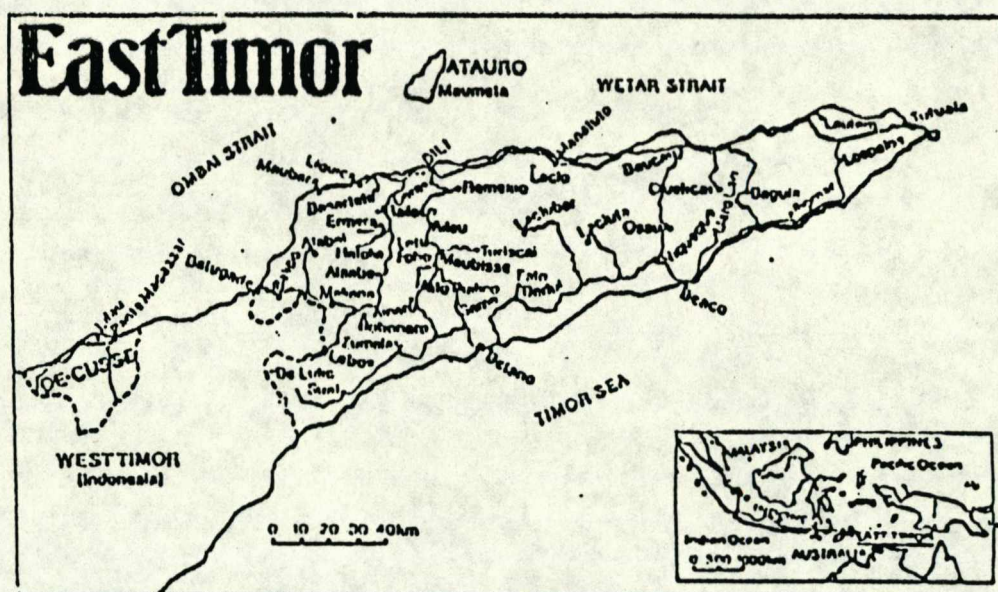




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STATEMENT BY
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 BEFORE THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DECOLONIZATION
 UNITED NATION
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MR. CHAIRMAN

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES:

I thank you Sir, for this opportunity to address this august body.

The commitment and dedication to decolonization and International law by this United Nations Committee has contributed to the changing of the political Map and the birth of new Nations and freedom for many colonised People.

I am here today to share with you our views on the item before us: The question of East Timor. Representing FRETILIN leadership and the People. I am a Timorese. I was born in Viqueque-Luca a Kingdom in the south coast of East Timor. Like many other Kingdoms in my country during the Portuguese colonisation many insurrections were conducted and lasted many years. One of these took place in my birth Kingdom: Luca. It lasted 28 years and was successively led by King Sebastião Amaral in 1779 and by his successor Queen Maria in 1807.

During the time of Portuguese Colonialism we the Timorese have never ^{heard} ~~heard~~ any Indonesian concern about our freedom or development.

But very soon after the Coup D'Etat of April 74 and the commitment by the new Government in Portugal to decolonise the Territory thousands of words and several statements were made by our today colonial rule appealing to the geographic, historic, ethnic and cultural ties with one of our neighbour Indonesia.

If Indonesia did not invade East Timor in 7 December 1975, Portugal would have completed the Decolonisation process according to the United Nations Resolutions 1514(XV) and 1541(XV). They did so in Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea

Bissau, Mozambique and São Tomé and Príncipe.

And at least less one item in your agenda and more important for us the East Timorese would live in Peace, Harmony and freedom.

Mr. CHAIRMAN

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES:

For many years you have been listening contradictory arguments:

1-The Timorese position defending by the Two Political Parties UDT and FRETILIN recognised by the administering Power : ~~the~~ Portugal and many other International Organisations, Human rights activist, Church Leaders, Members of Parlement, Progressive Governments, mebers of the United State Congress, the European Parlement and the United Nation itself, asserting the need for a Political solution and a referendum internationally supervised.

2-The second is the Indonesian systematic statement that the People of East Timor has already exercise their right to self determination in May the 31 of 1976;

What hapened at that time May 1976 in East Timor?

More than 50.000 Indonesian occupation troops were stationed in East Timor, in contavention wti^rh the Security Council Resolutions 384 of 22 December ¹⁹⁷⁵ and 389 the 22 April 1976 that requested all foreing troops to withdraw from East Timor and respect our territorial integrity.

That time 31 May ~~w^{as}~~ ^{IN EAST TIMOR} there any Independent observer, a United Nation Mission?

Did the members of the so called Peoples Assembly elected by a process respecting universal adult sufrage?

The answer is No Mr. President. Distinguished Delegates.

Principle IX of the General Assembly Resolution 1541(XV) provides that:

a) The integrating territory should have attained an advanced state of self-government with free political institutions, so that its peoples would have the capacity to make a responsible choice through informed and Democratic processes;

b) The integration should be the result of the freely expressed wishes of the Territory's Peoples acting with full knowledge of the change in their status, their wishes having been informed and democratic processes impartially conducted and based on universal adult suffrage. The United Nations could, when it deems it necessary, supervise these processes.

So Mr. President and Distinguished Delegates saying the Indonesia so called act of self determination of 31 st May is according to United Resolutions is paying lip service to the spirit of Principle IX and a waste of time.

We would like to congratulate of the Decolonization Committee for its historic decision contained in Document A/AC.109/527, declining the invitation by the so called "Provisional Government" installed by Indonesia, to be present in the 31 May act "of self determination!"

Unhappy with this refusal again Indonesia Government invited this Body in 14 June 1976 to send a mission. Four days later your predecessor at that time the today General Secretary of Organisation of African Unity-OAU-Mr. Ahmed Salim in consultation with other members of this committee again decline the invitation. It was a historic decision. And it has avoided United Nation Body to participate in a farse.

The correctness of your position was reinforced later in 1977 resolution of the General Assembly in its resolution on the East Timor Question, when it categorically rejected any Indonesian claim that East Timor People has freely integrated in the Indonesia Territory.

Mr. Chairman

Distinguished Delegates

But what says the existing political parties of East Timor?

UDT(Democratic Union of Timor),KOTA,MLTD(Liberation Movement of Timor Dili)?

During all these years we have continuously and categorically denied that election or referendum took place in this 31st May Indonesia act of self determination.

What says the religious community on East Timor?

The Catholic Church professed by 80% of our population has poited out their views firstly by the Very respected Bisshop Monsignor Martinho Lopes, and today his successor Bishop Ximenes Belo. I would like to qoute parts of the letter he adressed to United Nation Secretary General Mr. Xavier Perez de Caellar in the 6th February this year:

As chief of the Catholic Church, and as a citizen of Timor, I request Mr. General Secretary, to initiate the process of decolonization more normal and democratic, that is the implementation of a Referendum. The People of Timor must decide throuhg a plesbiciste about their future. Untill today the People has yet be consulted. end of quote .And the letter continues I quote: Is Indonesia that says that the People of East Timur has already decided the Integration, but the People never said that.

What says the members of the Arab-Islamic Community that for many years are part of our population?

MR. CHAIRMAN AND DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES
Better than words, important members of this community has participated and is participating in the Resistence Aggainst the Indonesia Military occupation and colonisation:

One of these is my friend and coleague Hamis Bassarewan, a notorius military strategist commander until 1988, when he was captured *by Indonesia* and his whereabouts is not known by his beloved family nor by us.

A son of the *late* ~~former~~ chief of these Community Mr. Mari bin Alkatiry my coleague in the FRETILIN leadership has been and continues to be an outspoken voise aggainst the Indonesia military occupation and colonialism.

MR. CHAIRMAN

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES:

In East Timor today all the People regardless of their origin religion or race are against Indonesia Military occupation and the Integration.

We are sure about that.

But we are prepared to participate in any referendum or election supervised by the United Nation

We are prepared to ^{DIALOGUE} ~~negotiate~~ with Indonesia without any pre-condition.

We are prepared to accept the verdict of the East Timor People.

Mr. CHAIRMAN

DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES:

The new atmosphere in the International arena, for many years defended by peace loving countries, in Europe Africa Asia and America, is now consolidated by then the President of United States Mr. Ronald Reagan and President of USSR Mr. Michail Gorbachev, is contributing to the solution of some regional conflicts.

The Vietnamese troops in Campuchea are withdrawing ~~to their homeland~~.

The United States has long ago withdraw its troop from Granada.

The Soviet Union from Afganistan.

When Indonesia will withdraw its thousand of troops from our country?

We the East Timorese condemn the activities and their presence of:

the Elite troops-Red berets(or Nangala), the Kodim(district comand), the Air force (Angkatan Udara), the Marines(Angkatan Laut) the para military forces(Hansip, Wanra, Ratih and Saka) the Police and the military Engineering Corps(Zipur).

In East Timor today is practically everywhere and controls everything.

In the appendix of this statement you can see the localisation of Indonesia operational infantry battallions and their ^{IDENTIFICATION} numbers.

You can also ^{see} ~~see~~ ^{the} East Timorese National Armed Forces -FALINTIL military operations.

But we are not Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Delegates
Apologist of military Solution for this conflict.

The military operation from our side is continuing only because of the
continuing repression aggaissant our People and continuing helicopter and warplane
bombardements aggaissant our controled areas. Our military actions are resulted
from self defense-Universally recognised.

We would like to reiterate here the position our the Chief Commander of FALINTIL
Kay Rala Xanana Gusmão in his last message to The Timorese Refugees Abroad from
his General Headquarter in the green mountains of East Timor and I quote:
It is unrealistic for the Indonesia Generals to think in a military victory in
East Timor, The dream of Indonesia to defeat us in 1975 Invasion in three days
is over. End of quote.

Again Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Delegates we are not apologist of military
solution.

The war has destried ^{ed} many East Timorese and Indonesian soldiers lifes.
according to different sources that we have available.
In this 14 years of war) about 20.000 human losses in the Indonesians Armed Forces
(ABRI).

It is time of Peace and ~~dialogue~~ dialogue.

We would ^{to} ~~like~~ live in Peace.

We would ^{like} to concentrate our energy in development of our economy.

We would like to initiate the exploration of the billions of barrels of oil
and natural gas in our soil.

We reiterate our position and comittement to respect the territorial integrity of
~~INDONESIA~~ and the stability in our region.

Finally Mr. Chairman and Distinguished Delegates we would like to establish
normal ~~and friendly~~ relation with our Neighbour the Republic of Indonesia.

To achieve all these we count on all Peace loving states, Diplomats, International Organizations, Human rights activist, members of parlements, all the helping hand are welcomed.

that's why we are gratefull for the participation ^{of} the distisguished Delegates in this room as well as these distinguished personalities and petitioners .

That's why our People is expecting much more from dialogue between Portugal the admenistering Power and Indonesia the occupation force.

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We appeal and encourage the United Nation Secretary General Mr. Perez de Cuellar to continue ~~his~~ efforts to bring about Peace for East Timor. **URGENTLY**

Thank you Mr Chairman.

THANK YOU DISTINGUISH BELEGATES FOR THE CONTINUING
CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF EAST TIMOR ON
THE AGENDA OF THIS COMMITTEE.

INDONESIAN MILITARY OPERATIONS IN EAST TIMOR

The Indonesian military operation with the aim to exterminate the Timorese armed resistance, continue in East Timor. Its soldiers presence in the territory are notorious in the border of East-West Timor, centre and in the eastern.

Border East-West Timor: Besides the troops already stationed in the border three more Indonesian infantry battalions (410, 502 and 141) were sent to strengthening its military positions there.

In retaliation to the guerrilla military operations, in March of this year, the Indonesian soldiers burned houses of the people of Maliana, Lois, Atsabe and Fatubessi, alleging that these people have covered infiltrations of the guerrilla's groups into the mentioned places. In Zumalai, the Indonesian troops are supported by naval and aerial bombardments. The OV-10 BRONCO aircraft are used during the operations.

Centre: There are six Indonesian infantry battalions (744, 323, 330, 320, 303, and 527) operating in the areas of Same, Fatuberliu, Barique, Lacluta, Laline, Soibada, Viqueque and Dili.

In Dili the clandestine resistance burned the new market of Comoro during the mid-night of February 15th. Most of the merchants of the market are Indonesian transmigrants, soldier's relatives and secret agents.

In Same, Fatuberliu, Barique, Lacluta and Soibada, the people have been suffering strong pressures by the Indonesian troops such as the curfew before 5.p.m. and civilian mobilization for military operations against the guerrillas.

Eastern: There are eleven Indonesian infantry battalions (515, 516, 713, 411, 745, 77, 612, 413, 511, 318 and 328) operating in the areas of Baucau, Venilale, Laga, Los Palos and Iliomar.

In January the guerrillas killed 37 Indonesian soldiers during a military confrontation that took place in Laline. The soldiers killed belonged to the battalion 328 whose commander's name is Prabowo, the son-in-law of president Suharto.

In Bukoli-Baucau, the same battalion killed 20 Timorese accused of having contacts with the guerrillas.

The people of Baucau, Venilale, Laga, Los Palos and Iliomar are not allowed to move beyond two kilometres far from their villages.

The guerrillas have attacked many Indonesian military posts in several places of East Timor, such as in Dili, Vemassee, Quelicai, Barique, Bazartete, Ainaro, Laline, Lacluta, Los Palos, Manatuto, Natarbora, etc.

The Indonesian military authorities have ordered forced recruitment of the Timorese in order to re-enforce the military operations against the guerrillas. In each district of East Timor was formed one Timorese battalion and they are already involved in the military operations that began on November 4th of last year.

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LIST OF THE INDONESIAN BATALIONS OPERATING
IN EAST TIMOR THAT WE COULD AFFORD TO IDENTI-
FY .-----

Batallion's number	operating place
515	Baucau Uai-Oli Venilale Laga
516	Baucau Seical
713	Baucau Uailili Boelari
411	Laga Baucau
744	Dili
745	Los Palos Com
77	Laga
512	Laga
413	Laga
511	Iliomar
318	Baucau
328	Baucau
	Laline
330	Viqueque Lacluta Luca Natarbora Barique Aitana
320	Viqueque Lacluta Luca Natarbora Barique Aitana
303	Viqueque Lacluta Luca Natarbora Barique Aitana
527	Viqueque Lacluta Luca Natarbora Barique Aitana

Batallion 's number	operating place
410	Ainaro Zumalai Bobonaro Atsabe
141	Ainaro Zumalai Bobonaro Atsabe
323	Soibada
315	Lalemo/sub-region Talismã
724	Lalemo/su-region Talismã
412	Lalemo/sub-region Talismã
502	Ponta Leste (eastern point) Transferred to Ainaro.

NOTE: The military Engineering Corps (ZIPUR), Police, Elite troops=red berets (NANGGALA), District Komand (KODIM), Air Force (Angkatan Udara), Marines (Angkatan Laut), Artillery (ARMED and the Para-military force (HANSIP, WANRA, RATH, and SAKA) are not included in this list.

We would like to stress again that in this list contains only the batallions that we afforded to identify and they are only infantry batallions.

(3) The clandestine organization burned the new market of Comoro.

